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In re Application of)
MINERVINI et al.)
Application No. 09/510,116) DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 22, 2000) TO MAKE SPECIAL
For: PTC CIRCUIT PROTECTION DEVICES)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed September 11, 2000, to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item II: Infringement.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item II, must be accompanied by a statement alleging (A) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use, (B) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (C) that he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

The petition includes a statement by the practitioner alleging items A, B and C above.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

Subject alone to diligent prosecution by the applicant, this application will continue to be special throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any, to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.


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